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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know from the Hon. the Minister whether the Government of Hyderabad who have to accept these findings, will accept all those findings?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no idea about it but I am sure they will be accepting them."

Irrigation scheme of the Gosthani river.

* 85 Q.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) what action has been taken on the petitions of the villagers of Reddipallee Agraharam, Potnuru, Kothavalasa and other villages requesting the Government to take up the irrigation scheme of the Gosthani river near Bhimasingi railway bridge in the Bimlipatam taluk, Vizagapatam district ;

(b) whether investigation of the scheme has been taken up; and

(c) what the estimated cost of the scheme is ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The Government have had the request examined by the Public Works Department Officers. The site where a dam has been proposed by the petitioners has accordingly been inspected by the local Subdivisional Officer, who has thereupon reported that all the lands for which irrigation is sought for are on a high level and that they are therefore not commendable. This has already been explained to the petitioner who accompanied the Subdivisional Officer during his inspection of the site. No further action is proposed to be taken.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

Irrigation schemes in the Ceded districts.

* 86 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the names of irrigation schemes in the Ceded districts included in the five-year programme under Grow More Food Scheme or otherwise;

(b) the names of schemes with full particulars sanctioned for execution during the first year;

(c) whether in the selection of schemes the question of return on Capital Outlay has influenced the choice ; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to make a statement on the question of returns as applicable to different tracts in the Presidency?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) A statement [a] of the names of irrigation schemes in the Ceded districts included in the five-year programme under Grow More Food scheme or otherwise is laid on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 471–473 infra.

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"(b) The following scheme was sanctioned for execution during the first year, i.e., 1947–48: Restoration of Mella tank in Gothipadiya village in the Markapur taluk in Kurnool district.

The particulars in regard to the scheme are as follows:—
Estimated cost——Rs. 54,500 for works only or Rs. 70,906 if direct and indirect charges are included.

Additional extent to be brought under irrigation—300 acres.

"(c) No.

"(d) Yes. A note[a] on the subject is laid on the table of the House." 11-15 a.m.

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"While I am grateful to the Hon. Member especially for the note regarding returns, may I know, Sir, on what basis this classification was made and the returns fixed?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"This classification must have been based on the condition of the area concerned but as I have already stated in the answer we are re-examining the whole basis."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"Is the Hon. Minister aware, Sir, that in 1942 the Government accepted the recommendation of the Board of Revenue and of the Chief Engineer that irrigation works in connexion with famine areas would be individually considered on their own merits irrespective of any return of interest on outlay and such works should be financed from the general revenues?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"That is so and that is what we are exactly doing, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"If that is so why a scheme like Venkatareddigunda tank in Edavalli, Markapur taluk, has been dropped on the plea of low return, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"I would like to have notice for this, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government have issued instructions to the Chief Engineer that he should not undertake detailed investigation of any scheme fetching a possible return of 1 per cent and below?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"I would like to have notice, Sir."

Provincial and Regional Councils for Industry.

* 87 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the Government have at any time considered the desirability of setting up Provincial and Regional Advisory Councils for Industry to advise Government on industrial conditions and general production questions?

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 474–475 infra.